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Filed : July 31, 2001
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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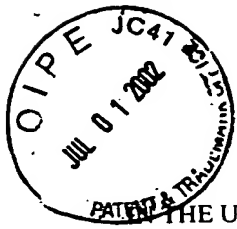
Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application,
Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract by rewriting same to read as follows.

A1
A reproduction apparatus and a reproduction method by which an error of
time information that arises from interruption of power supplied to a timer
that manages the term of term-managed contents data is minimized to allow
accurate term management of the contents data. The timer produces time
information when power is supplied to the timer from a cell, but the timer
stops operating when no power is supplied thereto. The time information



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
- ☐ Total claims in excess of ☐ previously paid for, at \$18 (\$9) ☐.
- ☐ Independent claims in excess of ☐ previously paid for, at \$84 (\$42) ☐.
- ☐ Additional Fee for this Amendment ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed with the ☐ first month, ☐ second month, ☐ third month, ☐ forth month, ☐ fifth month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor.
- ☐ Applicants Petition for an extension, and the fee of ☐ \$110 (\$55), ☐ \$400 (\$200), ☐ \$920 (\$460), ☐ \$1,440 (\$720), ☐ \$1,960 (\$980) is due and paid herewith.
- ☐ The fee of \$ ☐ set by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for the Information Disclosure Statement is due and paid herewith.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ ☐ is attached.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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